



DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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NOTICE

TO: Curbside, Dropoff or Collection and Community Service Programs

SUBJECT: Performing an Individual Commingled Rate Survey (ICRS)

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Existing law<sup>1</sup> and regulations<sup>2</sup> provide curbside, dropoff or collection, and community service programs with the option of conducting an individual commingled rate survey (survey) to determine a rate solely for their program(s).

The purpose of this notice is to inform program operators of the opportunity to conduct an ICRS for rates effective January 1, 2005, hereinafter referred to as the 2005 ICRS. The 2005 ICRS study period shall be October 6, 2003 through September 17, 2004. Those interested in conducting the survey should contact the Department of Conservation (Department) as soon as possible to obtain an application package. Once you have obtained and reviewed the application package and decide to participate, complete and submit the ICRS application **postmarked no later than September 1, 2003.**

The survey may be performed for any material type that currently has a commingled rate (Aluminum, Glass, and PET and HDPE Plastic) and may be performed for one or all four material types. The resulting rate(s), upon approval, will remain in effect for one year.

Program operators who perform the survey will receive the individual commingled rate calculated according to the survey data collected and submitted to the Department or the statewide average commingled rate, whichever is higher. Curbside, dropoff or collection, and community service programs that do not perform annual surveys receive the statewide average commingled rate.

Program operators have the option of using the ICRS methodology developed by the Department or must submit, in writing, a fully detailed description of their proposed alternative methodology. All alternative

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<sup>1</sup> California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, Public Resources Code, Division 12.1, Chapter 6, Section 14573.51(b)

<sup>2</sup> California Code of Regulations, Title 14. Sections 2620 - 2745

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methodology proposals must be submitted along with the application, postmarked by **September 1, 2003**.

Upon approval of your application, a survey consistent with the methodology must be conducted for the twelve-month term of October 6, 2003 through September 17, 2004. In addition to submitting Data Collection and Summary Sheets for each bi-monthly period an affidavit verifying that all data is complete and accurate must be submitted to the Department and postmarked no later than October 15, 2004.

To obtain an ICRS application package or for further information regarding the annual individual commingled rate survey, please contact Robert McKenzie at (916) 445-0771 or Chris Goetzke at (916) 327-7596.

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